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METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH

RECEPTION TO YOUNG PRACTITIONERS AND SENIOR STUDENTS

The president (Mr. Howard Stratford) and Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch held a reception for young practitioners and senior students at the House of the Association, Tavistock Square, on March 10th. After a conversazione in the Common Room, the guests assembled in the Great Hall to hear an address by Dr. H. C. Cameron, entitled "Children in hospital and in the home: a contrast."

Before the address Mr. Howard Stratford handed to the successful competitors in the British Medical Association prize essay competition their prizes and certificates. In the group of hospitals of the metropolitan area the successful competitors were Mr. Harold Bloom of Guy's, and Mr. R. C. Abel of University College Hospital. On this occasion the competitors were asked to describe and discuss cases illustrating modern methods in the diagnosis of early pulmonary tuberculosis. The president said it was hoped that in future competitions there would be a larger number of entrants. This year it was acknowledged that the subject was difficult, not intrinsically, but because it was not always possible to discover early cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

DR. H. C. CAMERON'S ADDRESS

Dr. Cameron began with a word of welcome to his audience. When he himself first qualified two admirable pieces of advice were given him. One of these was to join a medical defence organization, and the other was to join the British Medical Association. The Association specially welcomed young men and women, and in whatever area they settled down they would find a local organization of the Association, consisting of members engaged in different types of practices, but united in social intercourse, and in a desire for the betterment of the profession in general.

Proceeding to his subject, Dr. Cameron said that in this country the care of the child was in the hands of the general practitioner. Specialists in diseases of children were few in number and served mainly as consultants. In the United States, Canada, and in most parts of the Continent, the care of the child was in the hands of a body of men who called themselves either paediatricians or paediatrists—he was never very sure which—men in no sense consultants, but general practitioners confining their practice to this particular work. For a great many reasons, which he did not propose to go into at the moment, he much preferred our own system. It ought to be realized, however, that this responsibility for the care of the children was perhaps the greatest of the many responsibilities laid upon the shoulders of the general practitioner. In the United States, where the health of the children was entrusted to a specialized branch of the profession, the subject of diseases of children was regarded as one of the major items of the medical curriculum. It ranked equally in importance with medicine, surgery, and midwifery at the final examination. In this country, on the other hand, where the general practitioner was the child's doctor, the subject of diseases of children was regarded as of quite subsidiary importance. He did not think he was wrong in saying that it was possible for a man to take a good degree and to pass into general practice with a knowledge of the sick child which was almost negligible. Such lack of knowledge could not fail to handicap a man in most general practices; for it was in children's disorders that medicine, both preventive and therapeutic, found its highest measure of success. All medicine might be logically divided into two parts. The first was that which endeavoured in every way to promote the rise of the organism, to achieve a high standard of physique, to develop nervous control, and to build up resistance to infection; it was concerned with the study of growth, development, inheritance, diet, hygiene, and the acute infective disorders of the young. The second was that which endeavoured to delay the fall, and was concerned for the most part with staying the disorders of decline and decay. There could be no doubt in which group medical intervention appeared most successful. The psychiatrist, for example, might record a percentage of success among children two or three times as great as that which could be achieved among adults, and the general practitioner who was skilled in work with children might feel there a sense of power and satisfaction rarely experienced in his work with adults.

Paediatrics in General Practice

It was not easy for the student, with an overcrowded curriculum, to find time to acquire the knowledge of paediatrics which should be part of his equipment for

general practice ; and, indeed the work was neither easy to learn nor easy to teach. No doubt a case of pyloric stenosis or infantile scurvy made good material for a clinical demonstration, but the classical disorders of infancy occurred but rarely in practice. The diseases of children were few, but there were many children in poor health. Doctors often commented on the contrast between the problems found in the wards and those which they were called upon to deal with in the home. One of the explanations was the different reaction of the child in the two environments. Often enough the symptoms of illness so formidable at home—restlessness, vomiting, coughing, refusal of food, pain apparently of the greatest severity—disappeared as if by magic after admission to the ward. The reason was that the child's mother—immeasurably the strongest influence in his life—had been left at home. This dependence of the conduct of the child, and even the symptoms of the disorder, upon the personality of the mother was apparent even with the youngest child. His conduct reminded one of that of the insane. It was with those they loved and with those with whom they were at ease that their conduct became violent and unreasonable. Placed, in the one case in a hospital, institution, or school, and in the other in an asylum, the patient might show little evidence of all the disturbance that was so formidable at home. In hospital much might be learned about the diseases of children, not so much about the children themselves. True, in the out-patient department the constant interplay between mother and child might be seen. One mother would bring her child naturally and quietly to the ordeal of examination, while another would make matters more difficult by her every intervention. To enter the room clasping the child to her bosom in a thoroughly protective manner, murmuring reassurances that the doctor would not hurt, was asking for trouble.

The Maternal Factor

One quality which went to the making of a successful mother was a certain degree of self-confidence, and yet very naturally when children were ill, and the parents were beset by anxiety for them, any self-confidence was apt to disappear. Doctors spoke among themselves, not always with proper sympathy or understanding, of nervous or fussy mothers. No doubt maternal anxiety often took wrong forms, and led to harmful results to the child, yet an increased sense of fear, a greater awareness of danger, a heightened reflex excitability, were part of motherhood in almost all things created. In the mind of every mother were two contending emotions—pride and fear. Doctors who could often only influence the child indirectly through the mother must endeavour to hold the balance between these conflicting forces. A too great apprehensiveness, if it was a safeguard against overlooking the serious, had the drawback that it might exaggerate the trivial into a real misfortune. Almost all children, at times, might be wakeful, refuse food, or show unreasoning fears, but these things, on the one hand, were transitory and of no importance, or, on the other, were capable of developing into formidable disturbances, according as they were dealt with lightly and with understanding or were kept in the foreground of the child's thoughts by the agitation and unconcealed distress they caused to parents and nurses. Less commonly nowadays the opposite fault was met with in a parent—that of too great self-confidence and dangerous self-reliance.

Dr. Cameron read a paragraph from an evening paper, headed " Is mother the best doctor? "

" I don't know what the future race will be like if children have to be doctored as they are in these days. Mothers ought to be able to attend their children's ailments." So said Judge Crawford at Ilford, when eighty L.C.C. housing tenants, who were in arrears with rent, pleaded that it was due either to the illness of their children or to unemployment. " I hear nothing but the same thing on every side," Judge Crawford remarked. To a mother the judge said, " Half the trouble you people seem to be in is illness of the children and doctors' bills. When I was young, mothers doctored the children."

In the same paragraph it was recorded that, on the other hand, Mr. Douglas Cowburn, the South London coroner, had censured a mother for taking a child out of hospital when it was suffering from bronchial pneumonia, and asked how it was possible for her to do better for the child than the doctors. Judges and coroners, who had to give verdicts, were never in any manner of doubt as to their decision, although the verdict in one court was apt to be reversed in another.

Many influences were at work to increase the evils which arose from over-anxiety, despite the fact that the advance of preventive medicine and therapeutics had robbed many diseases, which formerly took a great toll of child life, of most of their terrors. The mother of to-day was no longer altogether ignorant of the nature of disease. Ill-omened words, such as " appendicitis " and " mastoid," were used at tea-table conversations, and recurred to vex the mother in the watches of the night. Doctors themselves were the most anxious of parents; they knew too much and feared too much.

Popular Information about Disease

Most of our newspapers were in all respects Americanized, except that, mercifully, as Dr. Cameron thought, they still experienced some difficulty in inducing members of the medical profession to contribute chatty articles on disease. In America he was told that the daily article on some popular disease of the moment was regarded as essential. When he watched a distinguished American paediatrician at work in his practice, it was interesting to note that the first two mothers to whom he gave advice had brought their children to him to be satisfied that they were not suffering from a distressing disorder on which he had written cogently the week before in the press!

" It is the doctor's task more often than not," said Dr. Cameron in conclusion, " so far as is possible, to encourage and support the mother ; not to sap her self-confidence, but rather to develop and strengthen it. If the child, for example, is a notable refuser of food, it is not difficult, as a rule, to show the mother that if she has failed in this one particular point, because of the distress and anxiety it has caused her, in many other ways she has been conspicuously successful. The mother of such a child is not likely to be careless or ineffective. The existence of the trouble itself is testimony to her powers to influence the child. To argue, because we meet very often in the home with troubles which originate in parental anxiety, that all parental influences are harmful, and that institutional control should be substituted widely for parental control, so far as young children are concerned, is manifestly wrong. The soil even of a good institution, for a young child, is barren soil, and apt to develop little character and individuality.

" It is this dependence of the child on the influences of his home that makes practice among children so different from our experience in hospital, and it is our power to control those influences which enables us to succeed, or accounts often for our failure. It is a power that will come gradually to you. Your power to control organic disease increases only with the growth of knowledge itself, but your power to help a mother, and through her the child, grows with your own growth in understanding, sympathy, and the ability to explain and to convince. I may seem to have spent a great deal of time on matters intangible, but let me beg you, as a piece of practical advice, in all your work to be very

careful not to arouse, more than is necessary, the easily aroused fears of women and little children."

Vote of Thanks

Mr. R. C. ABEL, who proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Cameron, remarked that the subject was of special interest to him because he had been a schoolmaster for a few years before embracing what he considered an even nobler profession, but he confessed that his knowledge of the child in hospital was limited, and his experience of the child in the home was practically *nil*. The study of the child, however, was very fascinating, and incidentally it was a road to reputation and popularity for the practitioner. Not long ago, in Wales, he heard two ladies gossiping in the railway carriage about the village doctor. Both agreed that he had treated the squire's fractured femur with disastrous results, and had other shortcomings, but he was a "dear" with the children! The resolution was seconded by Mr. CLARKE (St. Bartholomew's), who was grateful that Dr. Cameron had given the true perspective; that this was not merely a question of added reputation for the practitioner, but an opportunity of service by him for the country.

Mr. HOWARD STRATFORD, in endorsing the vote of thanks, said that Dr. Cameron's homely precepts had recalled Dr. Johnson, "Pause awhile from letters to be wise." He thought he was right in saying that this reception was almost the only occasion on which students from all the hospitals met together in one hall, except, of course, at their examinations. He hoped that when they met at their final examination it would be as pleasant an afternoon as the one they had just spent.

British Medical Association

CURRENT NOTES

Prizes for Essays by Senior Students and Newly Qualified Practitioners

Some years ago the British Medical Association instituted competitions for prizes for essays by final-year students on medical subjects to be arranged by the Association. As regards the last two years, the Association has extended the scope of the competitions to include newly qualified practitioners—namely, within one year of passing the final examination. The subject for 1930–31 has been: "Describe and discuss cases illustrating the modern methods of the diagnosis of early pulmonary tuberculosis." For the purposes of the competitions the medical schools were grouped as follows:

GROUP 1.—Guy's Hospital; London Hospital; St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's Hospital.

GROUP 2.—Charing Cross Hospital; King's College Hospital; Middlesex Hospital; Royal Free Hospital (London School of Medicine for Women); St. George's Hospital; St. Mary's Hospital; University College Hospital; Westminster Hospital.

GROUP 3.—University of Birmingham; University of Bristol; University of Durham; University of Leeds; University of Liverpool; Victoria University of Manchester; University of Sheffield; Welsh National School of Medicine.

GROUP 4.—University of Aberdeen; School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges, Edinburgh; University of Edinburgh; Anderson College of Medicine, Glasgow; Queen Margaret College (School of Medicine for Women), Glasgow; St. Mungo's College, Glasgow; University of Glasgow; University of St. Andrews.

GROUP 5.—Queen's University, Belfast; University of Dublin (Trinity College); National University of Ireland (University College, Cork; University College, Dublin; University College, Galway); Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (Schools of Surgery).

GROUP 6.—The medical schools of the Empire, other than those of the British Isles.

The essays have been examined, on behalf of the Council of the Association, by Professor T. K. Monro of Glasgow, Professor G. R. Murray of Manchester, Sir Humphry Rolleston of Cambridge, and Dr. R. A. Young of London. As a result of the marks awarded by the respective examiners, prizes—namely, a certificate signed by the President of the Association and a cheque for £25 in each case—have been awarded: Group 1, Mr. Harold Bloom, Guy's Hospital Medical School; Group 2, Mr. R. C. Abel, University College Hospital Medical School; Group 3, Mr. J. L. Burn, University of Durham; and Group 6, Mr. E. R. G. Shiel, University of Melbourne. Two of the competitors in Group 5 tied for first place with even marks—namely, Mr. W. B. Davis and Mr. G. A. W. Neill, both of Queen's University, Belfast. By direction of the Council each of these two competitors is receiving a certificate, as above, and the money part of the prize is being shared equally between them. The prizes are being presented to the successful competitors at the next meetings of welcome given to senior students or newly qualified practitioners by the Divisions and Branches containing their medical schools.

Middlemore Prize, 1932

The Middlemore Prize consists of a cheque for £50 and a certificate, and was founded by the late Richard Middlemore, F.R.C.S., of Birmingham, to be awarded for the best essay or work on any subject which the Council of the British Medical Association may from time to time select in any department of ophthalmic medicine or surgery. The Council is prepared to consider an award of the prize in the year 1932 to the author of the best essay on the following subject: "Sympathetic ophthalmia before and after 1914." Essays submitted in competition must reach the Medical Secretary, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, not later than December 31st, 1931. Each essay must be signed with a motto and accompanied by a sealed envelope, marked on the outside with the motto, and containing the name and address of the author. In the event of no essay being of sufficient merit, the prize will not be awarded in 1932.

Association Notices

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: BRISTOL DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Bristol Division will be held in the Bristol Medico-Chirurgical Room at the University on Friday, March 20th, at 5 p.m. Agenda: Correspondence; consideration of proposal of Central Council that the Division should adopt a resolution under its Ethical Rules in regard to the salaries of whole-time public health medical officers, and of the question of domiciliary attendance by whole-time medical officers.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.—At the meeting of the Birmingham Branch to be held on Thursday, March 19th, Mr. T. C. Graves (medical superintendent, City of Birmingham Mental Hospital, Rubery) will read a paper entitled "The voluntary patient: what we hope and what we expect."

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Nuneaton and Tamworth Division will be held at the Nuneaton General Hospital on Wednesday, March 18th. Mr. B. T. Rose will read a paper on recent advances in surgery.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Bournemouth Division will be held on Wednesday, March 18th, in Room No. 12, at the Town Hall, Bournemouth, at 8.15 p.m. Agenda: To consider adoption of binding resolutions regarding (*a*) agreed memorandum as to salaries of whole-time public health medical officers, and (*b*) whole-time medical officers and domiciliary work; paper by Mr. James Sherren, consulting surgeon, London Hospital, on the sea and surgery.

ESSEX BRANCH: MID-ESSEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the Mid-Essex Division will be held at the Bell Hotel, Chelmsford, on Thursday, March 19th, at 2.45 p.m. Agenda: Discussion of "Out-patients" report; lecture, with cinematograph film, by Dr. J. Stanley White, at 3.15 p.m., on some recent aspects of biological therapy. Non-members are invited to the lecture. Tea.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: AYRSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Ayrshire Division will be held at Ayr on Thursday, March 19th. Professor John Fraser will speak on the acute abdominal infections of childhood.

KENT BRANCH.—A meeting of the Kent Branch will be held at King Edward VII Hospital, Dartford, on Wednesday, March 25th, at 3 p.m. Sir James Purves-Stewart, senior physician, Westminster Hospital, will give a lantern lecture on traumatic epilepsy. From 2.15 p.m. members will have the opportunity of viewing the work of this hospital of 230 beds with various clinics attached, entirely staffed by a part-time staff of private practitioners, general and special, and to which other practitioners not on the staff have free access to treat their own private, insured, and maternity patients. Tea provided after the lecture.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: HYDE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Hyde Division will be held at the Hyde Town Hall on Wednesday, March 18th, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. A. Leyland Robinson will give an address on abortion—spontaneous, criminal, and therapeutic.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MANCHESTER DIVISION. An important meeting of the Manchester Division will be held at the Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, on Thursday, March 19th, at 4.15 p.m. Agenda: Consideration of motions by Central Council in regard to the salaries of whole-time public health medical officers, and the question of domiciliary attendance by whole-time medical officers; consideration of report on the problem of the out-patient (*Supplement*, February 21st). It is hoped to arrange for members of the staffs of the Royal Infirmary and Ancoats Hospital to take part in this discussion.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: SOUTHPORT DIVISION.—A meeting of the Southport Division will be held in the Assembly Room at the Prince of Wales Hotel on Thursday, March 19th, at 8.30 p.m. A British Medical Association Lecture will be delivered by Dr. S. A. Kinnier Wilson on vascular disorders of the brain and spinal cord.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CAMBERWELL DIVISION.—A meeting of the Camberwell Division will be held at the Lambeth Hospital, Kennington Road, S.E., on Tuesday, March 17th, at 9 p.m. Dr. G. F. Stebbing will give a demonstration on radium and deep *x*-ray therapy.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the City Division, in conjunction with the Aesculapian Society, will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., to-day (Friday, March 13th), at 4.15 p.m. Mr. T. E. Cawthorne will show cases.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: FINCHLEY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Finchley Division will be held at the Finchley Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 17th, at 8.45 p.m. Dr. R. Hutchison will give an address on dyspepsia in childhood.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HENDON DIVISION.—A clinical evening will be held by the Hendon Division at the Hendon Cottage Hospital on Friday, March 20th, at 8.30 p.m. Members will show their own cases, specimens, etc., for diagnosis and discussion.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lewisham Division will be held at St. John's Hospital on Tuesday, March 17th, at 8.45 p.m. Dr. W. A. Goldsmith will read a paper on some skin diseases and their treatment, illustrated by lantern slides.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Stratford Division will be held in the Board Room, Education Offices, The Grove, Stratford, on Tuesday, March 17th, at 9.15 p.m. Dr. W. J. O'Donovan will give an address on radium, radon, and *x*-ray treatment of skin diseases, illustrated by lantern slides.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER AND HOLBORN DIVISION.—A dinner meeting of the Westminster and Holborn Division will be held at the Washington Hotel, Curzon Street, W.1, on Thursday, March 26th, at 7.45 p.m. At 9 p.m. Mr. Cecil Rowntree will read a paper entitled "Operative surgery of the aged." It is hoped that members who cannot be present at dinner will attend the meeting at 9. (Price of dinner 5s.; evening dress optional.) Members intending to be present at the dinner are asked to notify Dr. Cedric Hilliard, honorary secretary, before March 25th. Entries for the B.M.A. golf competition should be sent immediately to Dr. F. Howard Humphris, 4, Great Stanhope Street, W.1, with the entrance fee of half a crown.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—A meeting of the Willesden Division will be held at the Willesden General Hospital on Wednesday, March 18th, at 9 p.m. Agenda: Consider adoption of binding resolutions *re* (*a*) agreed memorandum as to salaries of whole-time public health medical officers, and (*b*) whole-time medical officers and domiciliary work; consider problem of the out-patient (see *Supplement*, February 21st); appoint representative and deputies for Annual Representative Meeting.

MIDLAND BRANCH: DERBY DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Derby Division will be held in the Board Room of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary on Tuesday, March 24th, at 3.15 p.m. Agenda: To appoint two representatives and deputies to the Annual Representative Meeting; to consider suggested alterations of the Midland Branch area, and, in conjunction therewith, resolutions of the Chesterfield and Buxton Divisions to constitute the county of Derby as a separate Branch; address by Dr. G. C. Anderson, Deputy Medical Secretary, on the hospital problem.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—A meeting of the North of England Branch will be held at the Greenbank Hospital, Darlington, on Thursday, March 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Mr. W. S. Thacker-Neville, Treatment of Ménière's disease; Dr. C. N. Armstrong, Obesity; Dr. Horsley Drummond, Diagnosis and treatment of abdominal conditions; Mr. J. Hamilton Barclay, Diseases of the rectum and anus; Mr. H. C. Pearson, The acute abdomen.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: BLYTH DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Blyth Division will be held on Tuesday, April 16th, when Sir Robert Bolam will be the guest of honour.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: HARTLEPOOLS DIVISION.—A meeting of the Hartlepools Division will be held on Thursday, March 19th. Dr. Farquhar Murray will read a paper on the prevention and interruption of pregnancy.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: SUNDERLAND DIVISION.—A meeting of the Sunderland Division will be held at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, on Wednesday, March 18th, at 8.15 p.m. Mr. H. Harvey Evers will give an address on ante-natal care.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: JERSEY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Jersey Division will be held at the General Hospital on Thursday, March 19th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. T. Warrington will read a paper on *x*-ray diagnosis.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: SOUTHAMPTON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Southampton Division will be held at the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital on Wednesday, March 18th. Agenda: Election of representative and deputy representative to Representative Body; consider resolutions *re* (1) salaries of whole-time public health officers, (2) domiciliary attendance by whole-time medical officers; British Medical Association Lecture by Dr. H. Crichton-Miller on body and mind in functional nervous disorders. The chairman invites members and visitors to tea after the meeting.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Suffolk Division will be held at the West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, on Tuesday, March 24th, at 3 p.m. Agenda: Correspondence; proposal to adopt, under Ethical Rules, resolutions in regard to (i) salaries of whole-time public health medical officers, and (ii) domiciliary attendance by whole-time medical officers; question of recission of resolution already passed (1925) in regard to scale of salaries; Report of Council on the problem of the out-patient.

SURREY BRANCH.—The golfing members of the Surrey Branch are invited to compete for the president's prize, at Walton Heath, on Wednesday, April 29th. The winner will be the member who returns the best score under bogey regulations for the first round on that date. Competitors will play on their lowest handicap (limited to 18); they will be divided into two classes: (*a*) 55 years of age or over, (*b*) under 55. Two steel-shafted clubs in each class are offered as prizes by the president. There will be an optional sweepstake (2s. 6d.). Intending competitors, who should arrange with a partner, are asked to communicate with Dr. C. H. James, Donyngs Place, Redhill, at an early date, giving their handicap, and stating whether they intend to play in the morning or in the afternoon.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—The conjoint meeting of the Brighton Division and the Brighton and District Section of the Southern Counties Branch of the British Dental Association, which had been postponed from March 12th, will take place at the Savoy Cinema Restaurant on Wednesday, March 18th, at 8.30 p.m., when a paper will be read by Mr. F. E. Feilden on lymphatic infections in the neck, and a discussion will follow. The meeting will be preceded by an informal supper at 7.30 for 7.45 p.m. (2s. 6d., payable at table; morning dress). A clinical meeting of the Brighton Division will be held at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, Dyke Road, Brighton, on Thursday, March 19th, at 3.45 p.m.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—The next meeting of the West Somerset Branch will be held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton, on Friday, March 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. Godfrey Carter, vice-president of the Medico-Legal Society, will read a paper on tests for drunkenness, with special reference to alcoholic concentration in the urine. Other business: Election of representative and deputy representative to Annual Representative Meeting, 1931. Tea will be served after the meeting.

WORCESTER AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH: WORCESTER DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Worcester Division will be held at the Crown Hotel, Worcester, on Wednesday, March 18th, at 9 p.m. The chairman of the Division, Mr. Norman Duggan, will read a paper on some common injuries of joints and their treatment; a discussion will follow. The chairman will entertain members at supper before the meeting.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: LEEDS DIVISION.—A meeting of the Leeds Division will be held in the Medical School, Leeds, on March 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Professor Edwin Bramwell will deliver a British Medical Association Lecture on some clinical experiences, with special reference to lead poisoning. All members of the medical profession in Leeds and in neighbouring Divisions will be welcome.

TABLE OF DATES

Mar. 16, Mon.	Branch Reports for 1930 are due on or before this date.
Mar. 28, Sat.	Nomination papers available (on application at Head Office) for election of (i) 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and (ii) 2 Public Health Service members of Council and 4 Representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body.
April 2, Sat.	Last day for receipt at Head Office of voting papers for election, where there are contests, of members of Council by oversea members.
April 25, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of Annual Report of Council.
May 2, Sat.	Last day for receipt at Head Office of nominations: (i) by a Division or not less than 3 members, for election of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and (ii) for election of 2 Public Health Service members of Council and 4 Representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body.
May 12, Tues.	Motions by Divisions and Branches for A.R.M. agenda on matters of which 2 months' notice must be given must be received at Head Office by this date.
May 15, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of motions by Divisions and Branches for A.R.M. on matters of which 2 months' notice must be given. Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be elected by this date. Publication in *Supplement* of list of nominations for election of (i) 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; (ii) 2 Public Health Service members of Council, and 4 Representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body. Voting papers posted from Head Office where there are contests in above elections.
May 23, Sat.	Last day for receipt at Head Office of voting papers for election, where there are contests, of (i) 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and (ii) 2 Public Health Service members of Council and 4 Representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body. Publication in *Supplement* of result of elections of members of Council by oversea members.
June 4, Thurs.	Names of Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be received at Head Office by this date.
June 6, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of result of election of members of Council by grouped Branches, and of result of election of members of Council and Representatives in Representative Body by Public Health Service members. Nomination papers available (on application at Head Office) for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives (British Isles).
June 18, Thurs.	Meetings of constituencies must be held between this date and July 17th, to instruct Representatives.
June 27, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of Supplementary Report of Council.
July 1, Wed.	Amendments and riders for inclusion in A.R.M. agenda must be received at Head Office by this date.

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: BARNET DIVISION

A meeting of the Barnet Division, preceded by a dinner, was held on February 10th at Hadley Wood Golf Club.

Mr. G. T. MULLALLY gave a most instructive lecture on septic hands, which was illustrated by a cinematograph film lent by Messrs. Kodak, Ltd. Both the film and the lecturer stressed the importance of early and extended incision, which must be prolonged above and through the next interphalangeal fold. They explained the technique of the various incisions required for different infective processes, and in the treatment of paronychia. The early relief of tension and consequent prevention of necrosis was shown to be the object of treatment.

After the three sections of the film had been exhibited numerous questions were asked, which brought out the general practitioner's point of view; many members told of their results, extending over twenty-five years of practice, and the large number of minor infections treated by a small incision under local anaesthesia with complete success was emphasized. In his reply Mr. Mullally stated that he did not advocate his radical treatment in all cases, but he did whenever the infective process involved the whole of one phalanx. Many other questions were also replied to. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Mullally for his lecture concluded the meeting.

NORTH TRANSVAAL BRANCH

The fourth annual report of the North Transvaal Branch shows that the interest taken by the members in the affairs of the Association has been maintained. The membership of the Branch was 130. During the year eleven general meetings were held, with an average attendance of 27. Six meetings had been devoted to the reading of papers, two to visits to mental and leper institutions, two were mainly clinical, while one meeting was entirely devoted to business. A visit to the Rietfontein hospitals was greatly appreciated. The Branch Council met on nine occasions, with an average attendance of 10. Four members represented the Branch on the Federal Council meetings held at Durban and Johannesburg. The report expresses general satisfaction at the way in which the benefit societies recognized by the Branch were functioning. The whole question of basic rules regarding contract practice, benefit societies, and sick funds operating in the area of the Branch is under investigation by a special subcommittee. The Branch was represented by twelve delegates at the annual scientific meeting held at Durban in July, 1930. The annual dinner, at which the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General, was present as the chief guest of the evening, was very successful.

Eastern Transvaal Division

The annual report for 1929–30 of the Eastern Transvaal Division states that the annual meeting was held at Middelburg on October 21st, 1929, when a paper read by Dr. Laing was much appreciated. At a meeting held at Wilbank on March 3rd, 1930, interesting papers were read by Dr. Grunberger and Mr. Holmes, and the question of national health insurance was fully discussed. The membership of the Division is now 28.

Pietersburg Division

During 1930 three ordinary meetings and one extraordinary meeting took place, which were fairly well attended considering the distances some members had to travel. The meetings were held at Pietersburg, with the exception of one held at Dr. Montgomery's residence, Edlington Farm, when Sir Malcolm Watson delivered an address on malaria. The membership of the Division is now 23. The financial statement for the year showed a credit balance.

Pretoria Division

The annual report for 1930 records a membership of 83. A general meeting was held in November to consider the referendum on the free medical treatment of pauper patients in public hospitals. The report expresses gratification that members of the medical profession are realizing that it is in their interest to belong to the Association, which during the last four years has made remarkable progress, and has become a most powerful organization in South Africa.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION

An ordinary meeting of the Guildford Division was held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital on February 5th, when Dr. H. O. BLANFORD was in the chair.

An interesting and very instructive address was given by Professor F. J. BROWNE, director of the Obstetric Unit and obstetric surgeon, University College Hospital, London, on the toxaemias of pregnancy, which was much appreciated by the numerous members present, as well as by the district midwives of Guildford and Surrey County Nursing Association, who had been invited to be present.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: YORK DIVISION

A general meeting of the York Division was held on December 13th, 1930, when Dr. J. NEWBERRY FERGUSSON was in the chair and fifteen other members were present.

Dr. P. MACDONALD presented his report on the proceedings of the last Annual Representative Meeting. On the proposal of Dr. J. N. FERGUSSON, seconded by Dr. G. S. HUGHES, a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Macdonald for his services. Dr. LYTH, in supporting the motion, referred to the very able speech in which the representative had presented the views of the Division on the important question of the extension of the National Health Insurance Acts.

The report of the Medical Liaison Subcommittee contained suggestions for the future of the Poor Law Infirmary. As the result of a conference, in which representatives of the subcommittee, the city council, and the York County Hospital took part, a small subcommittee of seven, including two representatives of the Medical Liaison Subcommittee, was appointed to consider in detail local hospital problems. The report was approved, and the meeting confirmed the appointment of Drs. G. W. Gostling and J. C. Lyth as representatives on the Hospital Subcommittee of the York City Council.

Dr. P. R. MCNAIGHT, medical officer of health, introduced the Ministry of Health's circular respecting the voluntary notification of cancer.

The meeting approved of the recommendation of the Executive Committee for the inclusion of Selby, at present a part of the York Division, in the event of the formation of a separate Division embracing Goole, Howden, and Selby.

Dr. H. E. K. REYNOLDS stated that as a member of the visiting committee of the York City Mental Hospital he had been asked to assist the committee in arriving at an estimate of the accommodation likely to be needed for voluntary patients applying for treatment under the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, by ascertaining the views of the local profession. After discussion it was decided to reply that, while the profession was anxious to do all in its power to assist in the provision of treatment, it could not estimate the number of persons likely to apply each year.

National Insurance

MEDICAL BENEFIT AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 1931

The Minister of Health has certified under Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that on account of urgency the following Provisional Regulations should come into force immediately:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1931, and shall be read as one with the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Consolidated Regulations, 1928 (in these Regulations referred to as "the principal Regulations").

2. The following subparagraph shall be substituted for subparagraph (*b*) of Article 16 (1) of the principal Regulations:

> "(*b*) the insured person has, not later than the last day of February, May, August, or November, in any year given notice to the Committee in writing of his desire to transfer, whereupon he will be entitled to transfer as from the end of March, June, September, or December, next following."

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in Article 2 of these Regulations the provisions of subparagraph (*b*) of Article 16 (1) of the principal Regulations as in force immediately before the date of these Regulations shall apply in the case of any notice given under those provisions before the first day of April, 1931.

LONDON INSURANCE PRACTITIONERS AND "TEMPORARY RESIDENT" VALUES

The "temporary resident" values have been a subject for discussion between the London Panel Committee and the Distribution Committee for some time, the allegation on the part of the Panel Committee being that London insurance practitioners were disadvantaged in respect to the allowance made for such of their patients as were "temporary residents" elsewhere. At the last meeting of the Panel Committee on February 24th it was reported that as a result of the protest made by the committee last year an alteration of "temporary resident" values had been affected whereby London insurance practitioners had been saved during the past year a sum of approximately £5,098. The thanks of the committee were conveyed to Dr. R. G. Chase, the committee's representative on the Distribution Committee, for his services in this connexion.

The Minister of Health received a deputation, on March 5th, from Welsh ministers of religion, whose object was to urge the Government to admit ministers of religion to the National Health and Pensions Insurance schemes. Members of the deputation drew the Minister's attention to the hardships often endured, and suggested that it was unreasonable to refuse admission to the insurance schemes on the ground of occupation, and that anyone whose income was below a definite limit should be admitted. They would welcome admission on either a voluntary or a compulsory basis. The Minister said that he recognized the strength of the case made to him by the deputation, and sympathized with their views; but it was clear that, as the law stood, ministers of religion were not insurable because they were not employed under a contract of service. Legislation would therefore be necessary to bring them into insurance, and he feared that, in view both of the pressure on parliamentary time and of the financial difficulties, he could give no promise at present to introduce legislation. It was obvious that if any extension of the Health and Pensions Insurance schemes were made there were several classes of person, including ministers of religion, who would have a strong claim for inclusion.

WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORIZATION

The Home Secretary gives notice that he has withdrawn from David Davidson Watson, M.B., Ch.B., of Queen's Ferry, near Chester, the authority granted by the Regulations made under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, to duly qualified medical practitioners to be in possession of and supply raw opium, coca leaves, and Indian hemp, and the drugs and preparations to which Part III of the Act applies, and has also directed that it shall not be lawful for Dr. Watson to give prescriptions for the purposes of the Dangerous Drugs (Consolidation) Regulations, 1928. Any person supplying Dr. Watson with raw opium, coca leaves, or Indian hemp, or any of the drugs or preparations to which Part III of the Act applies, and any person supplying the drugs on a prescription signed by him, will be committing an offence against the Acts.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Commander H. H. Babington to the *Hood*.
R. G. Dingwall to be Surgeon Lieutenant

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Probationary Surgeon Sublieutenants R. W. Riddle and H. A. Lockhart to be Surgeon Sublieutenants.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Col. C. E. W. S. Fawcett retires on retired pay.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) H. M. J. Perry, O.B.E., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lieut.-Col. C. E. W. S. Fawcett, to retired pay.

Major O. R. McEwen to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Flight Lieutenants G. R. Nodwell relinquishes his commission on completion of service; C. Crowley to Palestine General Hospital, Sarafand; B. B. Kennedy to No. 14 Squadron, Amman, Palestine; J. H. Cullinan to the Armament and Gunnery School, Eastchurch.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

Lieut.-Col. H. L. Batra, M.C., has been appointed to officiate as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals and Prisons, Assam.

The promotion of Major J. M. Shah, M.B.E., to the rank of Major has been antedated to June 17th, 1927.

Captains to be Majors: A. I. Cox, V. S. R. Pandit.

Lieutenant E. V. Claydon to be Captain.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant J. L. Turpie to be Captain.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major A. A. McWhan, having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commission and retains his rank.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES

The following appointments are announced: A. L. McFarlane, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Government Medical Officer, Jamaica; E. S. Adderley, M.B., Ch.B., H. T. Flannery, L.R.C.P. and S.I., and J. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officers, Northern Rhodesia; Miss E. Morris, M.B., Ch.B., Lady Medical Officer, Malayan Medical Service; P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Straits Settlements; J. M. Scott, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, West African Medical Service; H. D. Weatherhead, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, British Guiana.

VACANCIES

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE: DISTRICT INFIRMARY.—H.S.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS: NORTH LONSDALE HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male).

BIRKENHEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—C.O.

BIRMINGHAM: EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL.—H.S. (non-resident).

BOOTLE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior R.M.O. (2) J.H.S.

BRISTOL: NORTHWOOD PRIVATE MENTAL HOSPITAL, Winterbourne.—H.P.

BROMLEY BOROUGH.—A.M.O.H. and A.S.M.O.

CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Anaesthetist and Emergency Officer. (2) H.S. Males, unmarried.

CHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male) to Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, Carlisle.—(1) Second H.S. (2) H.S. to Special Departments.

DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—H.S.

DONCASTER: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male).

EAST HAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, E.7.—(1) Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon. (2) H.P. (3) H.S. to Special Departments and C.O.

EDINBURGH: DEACONESS HOSPITAL.—Senior R.H.P. and S.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.1.—(1) H.S. (male). (2) Dental Surgeon.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY AND EYE INSTITUTION.—First H.S. (male).

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—(1) H.S. (2) H.P.

HOSTEL OF ST. LUKE, 14, Fitzroy Square, W.1.—R.M.O. (male).

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male) to Ophthalmic and Ear, Nose, and Throat Departments.

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—Two H.S. (males).

LEWISHAM: ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.—(1) Hon. P. (2) Hon. S.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (male, unmarried).

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART.—Research Fellow.

LIVERPOOL OPEN AIR HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Leasowe.—J.R.M.O.

LIVERPOOL: ROYAL LIVERPOOL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Two R.H.S. at City Branch.

LIVERPOOL STANLEY HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) Two H.S. Males.

LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—R.H.S. (male, unmarried).

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—(1) R.M.O. (2) Two H.S.

MANCHESTER CITY.—(1) A.M.O. at Withington Hospital. (2) J.M.O. at Monsall Hospital.

MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—H.S. and C.O. (male).

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, E.8.—(1) S.H.P. (2) S.H.S. (3) J.H.P. (4) J.H.S. (5) Two C.O. Males.

MIDDLESBROUGH: NORTH RIDING INFIRMARY.—Second H.S. (male).

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich Road, S.E.10.—(1) C.O. (2) H.P. (3) H.S. (4) Anaesthetist.

NEWARK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident H.S. (unmarried).

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—(1) S.M.O. and two J.M.O. for Pay-bed Section. (2) Four H.P. (3) Six H.S. (4) Two H.S. to Accident Department. (5) Four H.S. for Special Departments. (6) Resident Anaesthetist.

NOTTINGHAM: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) C.O. (male).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant S.M.O. and District M.O.H.

NUNEATON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S.

OLDHAM ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Three H.S. for (1) Women's and Children's Wards, (2) Male Wards, (3) In Charge of Out-patients and Special Departments.

PERTH INFIRMARY.—H.P. (male).

PORTSMOUTH CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—J.A.M.O. (male).

PRESTON AND COUNTY OF LANCASTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) H.S. (2) H.P.

PRINCE OF WALES'S GENERAL HOSPITAL, Tottenham.—(1) S.H.P. (2) S.H.S. (3) Special H.S. (4) J.H.P. (5) Two J.H.S.

READING: ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—(1) C.O. (2) Resident Anaesthetist. Males.

RICHMOND, SURREY: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (male, unmarried).

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—C.H.S. (male).

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, S.E.1.—Hon. A.S.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Clinical Assistants.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, S.E.1.—C.O.

RUGBY: HOSPITAL OF ST. CROSS.—R.M.O. (male).

ST. HELEN'S HOSPITAL.—H.S.

ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Lane, W.1.—Hon. S. to Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.S. attached to Orthopaedic Department. (2) H.S. (3) H.S. to Aural, Skin, and Gynaecological Departments. (4) C.H.S.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Two H.S.

SHEFFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Clinical Assistant to Medical Departments.

STALYBRIDGE BOROUGH.—M.O.H. (male).

SWANSEA HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male, unmarried).

TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—H.P. (male).

WALLASEY: VICTORIA CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (male).

WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male, unmarried).

WEST NORFOLK AND KING'S LYNN GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) S.H.S. (2) J.H.S.

WESTERN SKIN HOSPITAL, 44, Hampstead Road, N.W.—Hon. A.P.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, S.W.1.—A.H.P.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL, N.W.10.—(1) H.P. (unmarried). (2) Clinical Assistant to Medical Out-patient Department.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Stornoway (Ross and Cromarty), Farnborough (Hants), Winchester (Hants), Withernsea (East Yorks). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS

MASSON, H. F., M.B., Ch.B.Ed., F.R.C.S.Ed., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Dingwall District, co. Ross.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL: GENERAL AND SPECIAL HOSPITALS.—*Assistant Medical Officer, Fulham Hospital:* Miss R. Halperin, M.B., B.S. *Assistant Medical Officer, Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton:* Miss N. H. Reynolds, M.B., B.S. *Assistant Medical Officer, St. Peter's Hospital:* J. F. Wilde, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. *Assistant Medical Officer, St. Charles's Hospital:* K. Lumsden, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., D.T.M. and H. *Assistant Medical Officer, Brook Hospital:* J. M. Young, M.B., Ch.B. *Assistant Medical Officer, St. Olave's Hospital:* M. S. Purves, M.B., B.S. *Assistant Medical Officer, Bow Institution:* A. Phillips, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Medical Superintendent, St. Olave's Hospital:* R. K. Ford, M.D., B.S.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Museum Demonstrations: Mon., 5 p.m., Mr. C. E. Shattock, Affections of the Kidneys; Fri., 5 p.m., Sir Arthur Keith, Anatomy and Nerve Supply of the Diaphragm.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.1.—Tues., 5 p.m., Third Goulstonian Lecture by Dr. Macdonald Critchley: The Neurology of Old Age. Thurs., 5 p.m., First Lumleian Lecture by Sir William Willcox: Toxic Jaundice.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

General Meeting of Fellows, Tues., 5.30 p.m. Ballot for Fellowship.

Section of Pathology.—Tues., 8 for 8.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

Section of Dermatology.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Cases. 5 p.m., Dr. G. H. Oriel: Some Experimental Observations on Eczema of Internal Origin and Other Allergic Conditions.

Section of Balneology and Climatology.—Fri., 5 p.m. Discussion, Osteo-arthritis. To be opened by Dr. W. Edgecombe. The question of fusion with the Section of Electro-Therapeutics will also be discussed. 7.30 p.m., Dinner at the Welbeck Palace Hotel, Welbeck Street, London, W.1. Guests may be invited. Price 8s. 6d. (without wine), payable at the table.

Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.—Fri., 8 p.m. Members of the Section are invited by the Western Electric Company, Bush House, W.C., to witness its film of Caesarean section by De Lee.

Section of Electro-Therapeutics.—Fri., 8.30 p.m. Dr. Chalmers Watson: Radiation in Relation to Human and Animal Life.

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY, Hotel Rembrandt, Thurloe Place, S.W.—Tues., 8.30 p.m., Discussion, Treatment of Menstrual Irregularities. To be opened by Dr. F. J. McCann. Preceded by dinner at 7.30 p.m.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HYGIENE, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Thurs., 5.15 p.m., Dr. H. Crichton-Miller: The Psychology of Suicide.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.—Lectures by Dr. Harley Williams at 7.30 p.m.: Mon., Town Hall, Falmouth; Wed., Public Rooms, St. Austell; Thurs., St. John's Hall, Penzance.

ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Tues., 5 p.m., Annual Meeting.

ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1.—Wed., 5.30 p.m., Dr. W. E. Cooke and Mr. C. F. Hill: Microscopical Studies in Pernicious Anaemia—(iii) The Macropolycyte, (iv) Nuclear Degeneration in Blood Stream Cells. Mr. F. G. Wood: Micro-polarizing Crystals and their Projection.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—At Royal Army Medical College, Grosvenor Road, S.W. Thurs., 8.15 p.m., Laboratory Meeting.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—At *Medical Society of London*, 11, Chandos Street, W.1: Mon., 4 p.m., Free Lecture by Mr. A. E. Mortimer Woolf, Early Diagnosis of Disease of Biliary Tracts. *Metropolitan (General) Hospital*, Kingsland Road, E.8: Wed., 2 p.m., Free Demonstration of Radiology by Dr. G. T. Loughborough. *Royal Eye Hospital*, St. George's Circus, S.E.1: Wed., 3 p.m., Free Demonstration of Ophthalmic Cases by Mr. Myles Bickerton. *Royal Waterloo Hospital*, Waterloo Road, S.E.1: Special Course in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynaecology occupying mornings and afternoons. Tickets from the Fellowship of Medicine. *Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital*, Great Portland Street, W.: Special Course in Orthopaedics, occupying mornings and afternoons. Tickets from the Fellowship of Medicine. *West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases*, Welbeck Street, W.: Special Course of Lecture-Demonstrations in Diseases of the Nervous System, daily at 5 p.m. Tickets from the Fellowship of Medicine. *St. John's Hospital*, Leicester Square, W.C.1: Special Course in Dermatology, every afternoon. Tickets from the Fellowship of Medicine. Copies of Syllabuses of all Courses available on application.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Fri., 4 p.m., Mr. F. W. Watkyn-Thomas, Some Cases of Labyrinthitis.

CITY OF LONDON MATERNITY HOSPITAL, 102, City Road, E.C.1.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Dr. J. A. Willett, Causes and Treatment of Delay in the Second Stage.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Wed., 4.30 p.m., Clinical Cases.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3.—Wed., 4 p.m., Dr. Saxby Willis, Collapse Therapy in Pulmonary Disease, with Cinematograph Demonstration.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.—Thurs., 9 p.m., Dr. Macdonald Critchley, Migraine.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Tues., 5 p.m., Dr. G. B. Dowling, Mycotic Diseases. Thurs., 5 p.m., Dr. I. Muende, Pathology Demonstration.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Daily (except Sat.), 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 12 noon, Dr. Greenfield, Pathology of Cerebral Tumours; 3.30 p.m., Mr. Leslie Paton, Vestibular Control of Ocular Movements. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Grainger Stewart, Visual Disturbances in Nervous Diseases. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Gordon Holmes, Cerebral Tumours. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Carmichael, Nervous Symptoms associated with Blood Diseases.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics, Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat Clinics, Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics, Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat Clinics, Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Children's Clinics, Operations.

ROYAL CHEST HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—Tues., 3.15 p.m., Dr. F. E. Saxby Willis, Asthma.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.—Tues., 4 p.m., Mr. Leonard Phillips, Ectopic Pregnancy and Abortion.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.1.—Mon., 10 a.m., Gynaecological Ward, Genito-Urinary Operations, Skin Department; 11 a.m., Surgical Ward Visit; 2 p.m., Surgical Ward Visits, Operations, Medical, Surgical, Eye, and Gynaecological Out-patients. Tues., 9.30 a.m., Operations; 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visit, Dental Department; 11 a.m., Throat Operations; 11.30 a.m., Surgical Demonstration; 2 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, and Throat Out-patients. Wed., 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visit, Children's Medical Out-patients; 2 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, and Eye Out-patients; 4.45 p.m., Venereal Diseases Demonstration. Thurs., 10 a.m., Neurological Department; 11.30 a.m., Fracture Demonstration; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Genito-Urinary, and Eye Out-patients; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Fri., 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visit, Dental Department, Skin Department; 12 noon, Medical Lecture; 2 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, and Throat Out-patients. Sat., 9 a.m., Throat Operations; 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visit, Children's Medical Out-patients, Surgical Out-patients.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. — At Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women: Wed., 4.15 p.m., Dr. D. McIntyre, Gynaecological Cases.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY CLINICAL SCHOOL ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—Royal Infirmary: Mon. and Thurs., 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 11.30 a.m.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Thurs., 11 a.m., Mr. F. H. Diggle, Clinical Demonstration; 4.15 p.m., Mr. H. Platt, Treatment of Fractures of the Upper Limb.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Dr. D. E. Core, Early and Remediable Mental Disorder. Fri., 4.15 p.m., Mr. H. H. Rayner, Demonstration of Surgical Cases.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITALS.—At Whitworth Street West Hospital: Fri., 4.15 p.m., Dr. Ward, Nephritis in Childhood.

MANCHESTER VICTORIA MEMORIAL JEWISH HOSPITAL, Elizabeth Street.—Wed., 4.30 p.m., Dr. C. Jacobs, Some Ocular Manifestations of General Disease.

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MARCH

13 Fri. City Division: Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., 4.15 p.m. Clinical Meeting.

17 Tues. London: Organization Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Camberwell Division: Lambeth Hospital, Kennington Road, S.E., 9 p.m. Demonstration by Dr. G. F. Stebbing.
Finchley Division: Finchley Memorial Hospital, 8.45 p.m. Address by Dr. Robert Hutchison.
Lewisham Division: St. John's Hospital, 8.45 p.m. Paper by Dr. W. A. Goldsmith.
Stratford Division: Board Room, Education Offices, The Grove, Stratford, 9.15 p.m. Address by Dr. W. J. O'Donovan.

18 Wed. London: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Brighton Division: Savoy Cinema Restaurant, 8.30 p.m. Paper by Mr. F. E. Feilden.
Bournemouth Division: Room No. 12, Town Hall, Bournemouth, 8.15 p.m. Paper by Mr. James Sherren.
Hyde Division: Hyde Town Hall, 8.30 p.m. Address by Mr. A. Leyland Robinson.
Nuneaton and Tamworth Division: Nuneaton General Hospital. Paper by Mr. B. T. Rose.
Southampton Division: Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital. B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. H. Crichton-Miller.
Sunderland Division: Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, 8.15 p.m. Address by Mr. H. Harvey Evers.
Willesden Division: Willesden General Hospital, 9 p.m.
Worcester Division: Crown Hotel, Worcester, 9 p.m. Paper by Mr. Norman Duggan.

19 Thurs. Ayrshire Division: Ayr. Paper by Prof. John Fraser.
Birmingham Branch. Paper by Mr. T. C. Graves.
Brighton Division: Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, Dyke Road, Brighton, 3.45 p.m. Clinical Meeting.
Hartlepools Division. Paper by Dr. Farquhar Murray.
Jersey Division: General Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. T. Warrington.
Manchester Division: Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, 4.15 p.m.
Mid-Essex Division: Bell Hotel, Chelmsford, 2.45 p.m. Lecture by Dr. J. Stanley White at 3.15 p.m.
North of England Branch: Greenbank Hospital, Darlington, 2.30 p.m. Papers by Mr. W. S. Thacker-Neville, Dr. C. N. Armstrong, Dr. Horsley Drummond, Mr. J. Hamilton Barclay, and Mr. H. C. Pearson.
Southport Division: Assembly Room, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8.30 p.m. B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. S. A. Kinnier Wilson.

20 Fri. London: Ophthalmic Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Bristol Division: Medico-Chirurgical Room, Bristol University, 5 p.m.
Hendon Division: Hendon Cottage Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Clinical Meeting.
West Somerset Branch: Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton, 3.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. Godfrey Carter.

25 Wed. London: Naval and Military Committee, 2.30 p.m.

26 Thurs. Leeds Division: Medical School, Leeds, 3.30 p.m. B.M.A. Lecture by Prof. Edwin Bramwell.

27 Fri. London: Central Ethical Committee, 2.15 p.m.

APRIL

1 Wed. London: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.

8 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.

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McCONNELL.—On March 9th, 1931, in London, James McConnell, M.B., late of Battersea Rise.

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